gation, copies of all necessary and relevant documents, so that they are in a position to collect the correct informaiton. I would like to submit heve that the delegation is going to Ayodhya tomorrow and it won't serve any purpose, if it is in the dark about the facts.(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA (Padrauna): Mr. Speaker, Sir, we too should be given an opportunity to speak on this subject.

MR. SPEAKER: Alright, you will also get an opportunity.

[*English*]

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman and Nicobar Islands): About 1008 unskilled/were employed by the Electricity Department in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Island. They started working as seasonal workers during 6th and 7th Plan – they have been working for the last 12–15 years – to implement different Plan schemes for Rural Electrification, establishment of new Power Houses, Augmentation of DC capacity in existing Power Houses, erection of transmission and distribution system, procurement, collection, shipment and despatch of stores, equipments, casting of RCC poles, etc. As the plan works continued from year to year basis, the same workers were re-employed for execution of different types of works connected with different schemes; they were allowed to continue in their work But unfortunately more than 12 years have passed that these workers have been working and their services have not been regularised so far.

The Parliamentary Committee on Government Assurances had also looked into this matter and recommended the consideration of their case.

Thereafter the Supreme Court had also considered this matter and opined that ths case should be reconsidered. Unfortunately, the Andaman and Nicobar administration have referred the matter to the Ministry of Energy, Government of India, for creation of the posts. No action has been taken yet

So, I request the Government, through you, to consider this case from the humanitarian angle. It is a question of 1008 families and their survival. I request the Government to create these 1008 posts immediately and regularise their services.

[*Translation*]

SHRI MADNA LAL KHURANA (South Delhi): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the non–payment of the two instalments of Dearness Allowance due to Central Government Employees with effect from July 1, 1991 and January 1, 1992, in the days of Sky rocketing prices, is indeed regrettable and and condemnable. It is impossible for Government employees with salaried income to sustain themselves and their families without dearness allowance. During the last year, there has been a 13 per cent hike in the wholesale prices, 16 per cent in retail prices and 25 to 75 per cent in the prices of essential commodities. The Government has withheld payment of instalments of Dearness Allowance with effect from January 1, 1992 for employees drawing a salary upto Rs. 3500 and with effect from July 1, 1991 for employees drawing salary above Rs. 3500. They have withheld payment of instalments to pensioners.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Government has provided royalty and other benefits to big capitalists, major industrial houses, multinational companies and the affluent people, but when it came to its employees, it committed a grave injustice with them by withholding the two instalments of Dearness Allowance. Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Government employees were expecting D.A. instalments at least with their salary for the month of